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INDIANAPOLIS MAN INDICTED FOR CICERO BANK ROBBERY

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Christopher Tichenor, 30, Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged today with bank robbery and brandishing and discharge of a firearm during commission of a crime of violence, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

The indictment alleges that on February 18, 2009, Tichenor entered the Community Bank located in Cicero, Indiana, armed with a handgun. Upon entering the bank, Tichenor fired a shot into the ceiling, and proceeded to rob the bank of about \$52,000. Tichenor fled the scene, but was apprehended a short time later hiding in the attic of a nearby home to which he had no connection. The money and firearm were recovered near the scene of Tichenor's arrest.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Tichenor faces a maximum of 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the bank robbery, and a mandatory consecutive prison sentence of 10 years and a \$250,000 fine for the brandishing and discharge of a firearm during his commission of the bank robbery.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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